



The Promoting Energy Independence and Transparency Act **Rep. Blake Moore**

Despite the vast energy resources in the United States, since his first day on the job President Biden's anti-energy policies have disrupted domestic oil and gas production. Gas prices have continued to rise for Americans since Joe Biden took office. In spite of rising energy costs, the Biden administration continues to slow walk necessary oil and gas permits and has issued *zero* new onshore or offshore leases. Biden's actions have stymied America's energy potential and left us vulnerable to foreign adversaries.

Relying on Russia and other adversaries to meet energy demand has had devastating consequences, as the war in Europe continues to threaten global security and economic stability. The U.S. has vast energy resources that are critically needed at home and abroad. To lower American energy prices and support our allies abroad, Congress must take immediate action to remove barriers to development of domestic oil and gas production.

There are more than 4,600 permits to drill still pending at the Department of the Interior (DOI), despite a statutory requirement to issue permits within 30 days. The Promoting Energy Independence and Transparency Act will require the issuance of Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) that have completed environmental review and hold the Biden administration accountable for the cause of delays in the permitting and leasing process.

Major provisions:

- Requires DOI to issue any pending permits for which the Department has completed environmental analysis and other required reviews within 30 days of enactment.
- Requires DOI to submit a detailed report to Congress on the status of nominated parcels for future lease sales, the number of Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) that are pending approval, how long these items have been pending, and the reason these items have been delayed.
- Requires DOI to publish the number of pending and approved APDs and expressions of interest for parcel nominations for lease sales.

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